

**Shawnee National Forest
2015 Fall Color Report**

Oct. 30th through Nov. 6th



October 28, 2015 - Camel Rock Formation at Garden of the Gods

Fall color change is in full swing in southern Illinois, meaning the area is in peak color season. Over the next week, colors will begin to diminish and as the last of the tree species complete their fall color transformation. Some maples, sweet gum and hickories continue to display their bright yellow, oranges and reds, but really it is the oak trees that are the only tree species that have yet to change. There are more than 30 varieties of oak species that grow in southern Illinois and they will be the last to display their autumn colors, in a variety of red, brown and deep orange hues.

2015 Shawnee National Forest Fall Color Album:

FC15_ShawneeNF: www.flickr.com/photos/usfs_eastern_region/21600521590/in/album-72157656068759043/

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Trip Planning Information:

The *Fall Calendar of Events* is now available on our website or at any of the three Shawnee National Forest offices, located in Harrisburg, Vienna and Jonesboro. For more information on areas to visit, contact the Shawnee National Forest Headquarters at 800-MY-WOODS.

Individuals can also stay up to date on fall color related information through the Shawnee National Forest social media feeds on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). For assistance in planning your trip, contact the local tourism bureau for the area you plan on visiting or check out the tourism links listed below:

- [Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau](#)
- [Williamson County Tourism](#)
- [Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau](#)
- [Saline County Tourism](#)
- [Hardin County Tourism](#)
- [Main Street Golconda](#)



View from the Observation Trail - Garden of the Gods
October 28, 2015



The Brilliant yellow foliage of a maple tree.